

INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI  
AND  
KENTUCKY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

The University of Cincinnati (UC) and Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS) recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from KCTCS to the University of Cincinnati to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

**University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)** serves the people of Ohio, the nation, and the world as a premier, public, urban research university, dedicated to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, experience-based learning, and research. The University is committed to excellence and diversity in our students, faculty, staff, and all of our activities. The University provides an inclusive environment where innovation and freedom of intellectual inquiry flourish. Through scholarship, service, partnerships, and leadership, the University of Cincinnati creates opportunity, develops educated and engaged citizens, enhances the economy and enriches our university, city, state and global opportunity. The University of Cincinnati is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association (30 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440).

**Kentucky Community & Technical College System (Versailles, KY)** is Kentucky's largest postsecondary institution with 16 colleges and more than 70 campuses. The mission of KCTCS is to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality in the Commonwealth by serving as the primary provider of college and career readiness, transfer education, and workforce and employment training. Ensuring diverse, equitable, and inclusive campus communities is at the core of the organization. The 16 colleges are independently accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; 1866 Southern Ln, Decatur, GA, 30033, (404) 679-4500.

**Ashland Community & Technical College (Ashland, KY)**  
**Big Sandy Community & Technical College (Prestonsburg, KY)**  
**Bluegrass Community & Technical College (Lexington, KY)**  
**Elizabethtown Community & Technical College (Elizabethtown, KY)**  
**Gateway Community & Technical College (Covington, KY)**  
**Hazard Community & Technical College (Hazard, KY)**  
**Henderson Community College (Henderson, KY)**  
**Hopkinsville Community College (Hopkinsville, KY)**  
**Jefferson Community & Technical College (Louisville, KY)**  
**Madisonville Community College (Madisonville, KY)**  
**Maysville Community & Technical College (Maysville, KY)**  
**Owensboro Community & Technical College (Owensboro, KY)**  
**Somerset Community College (Somerset, KY)**  
**Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College (Bowling Green, KY)**  
**Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College (Cumberland, KY)**  
**West Kentucky Community & Technical College (Paducah, KY)**

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, we do hereby enter into the following institutional articulation agreement:

1. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students on the basis of the number of credits earned.
2. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate in Arts and Associate in Science (AA/AS) degree, University of Cincinnati will guarantee admission to the college/university and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from KCTCS, provided their cumulative grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college courses.

University of Cincinnati and KCTCS will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating program to program articulation agreements for AA/AS graduates from KCTCS. This includes application of general education requirements.

3. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree, the University of Cincinnati will guarantee admission to the university to all students who have earned an AAS degree from KCTCS, provided their cumulative grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college courses.

University of Cincinnati and KCTCS will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating program to program articulation agreements for AAS graduates. This includes application of general education requirements.

4. Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native University of Cincinnati students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at the University of Cincinnati.
5. Students who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of the University of Cincinnati, according to catalog requirements.
6. Under this agreement, students of KCTCS will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS degree before transferring to the University of Cincinnati.

Should a KCTCS student transfer to the University of Cincinnati prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS degree, KCTCS shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS degree in absentia using University of Cincinnati course credit. With student authorization, the University of Cincinnati agrees to supply information through the National Student Clearing House (NSC) to KCTCS to facilitate this reverse transfer credit.

In this interest, applicable course work completed at the University of Cincinnati will be accepted and applied to AA/AS/AAS degree requirements at KCTCS consistent with the criteria used for native KCTCS students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at the University of Cincinnati.

7. KCTCS and the University of Cincinnati will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific Advising Guides supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic Advising Guides must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic Advising Guides will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by the University of Cincinnati. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of the University of Cincinnati.
8. The University of Cincinnati will provide KCTCS with course equivalent information regarding KCTCS courses and their University of Cincinnati equivalents. The University of Cincinnati will update the information and equivalencies will be available in CollegeSource Transfer Evaluation System (TES) and Transferology.
9. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, the University of Cincinnati cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from the University of Cincinnati within two years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) at the University of Cincinnati.
10. The University of Cincinnati will report the number of transfer students from KCTCS for the previous academic year, upon request.
11. All collegiate level courses completed at KCTCS with a "D-" or better grade will be accepted for students who transfer with or without an earned AA/AS/AAS degree. These credits shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific University of Cincinnati courses whenever possible.

It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade of "C or D" where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native University of Cincinnati students pursuing the same academic program<sup>1</sup>. The application of this rule shall be the same for both native University of Cincinnati students and KCTCS transfer students.

12. Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through KCTCS ends when the student completes their KCTCS degree and commences working upon a degree program at the University of Cincinnati. Transfer students must reapply for financial aid upon transfer to UC and must comply with the deadlines and policies at UC.
13. The Chancellor at KCTCS will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at KCTCS.

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<sup>1</sup> Example: UC will accept transfer credit for BIOL 1081 with a grade of "D - ". Students may have to retake BIOL 1081 and earn a minimum grade of "C" if enrolled in a UC academic program that lists a minimum grade requirement.

The University of Cincinnati will also designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional agreement.

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14. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this institutional articulation agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

KCTCS will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

The University of Cincinnati will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information, and afford the appropriate training when necessary, to staff and faculty to support the KCTCS transfer student.

15. KCTCS is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the University of Cincinnati name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and the University of Cincinnati programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

The University of Cincinnati is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use KCTCS's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of marketing to the KCTCS student population about this Agreement and the University of Cincinnati's programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

Upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party. Neither party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party.

16. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. In no event, shall the license or use of the Institution's name, tradename, trademark, or logo be assigned to a parent, affiliate, or successor company formed by the merger or reorganization or similar corporate transaction of the University of Cincinnati with any other company.

17. This Institutional Articulation Agreement has an initial term through July 31, 2025. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed every three years, in accordance with the State of Ohio's biennial budget process, unless either party gives the other a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal. Should the precepts of this agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established policy will take precedent and the agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to ensure that agreement modifications will not

adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing agreement.

18. The University of Cincinnati and KCTCS each reserve the right to terminate this agreement provided that at least a 60-day notice of a process terminated date is given.

**This agreement is effective as of: August 2022**

**University of Cincinnati**

*Signed via DocuSign on 12/22/2022 by  
Cynthia Dillon  
Associate General Counsel and Assistant Contracting Off.*

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Jack Miner, Vice Provost Enrollment Management

**KCTCS**

*Signed via DocuSign on 01/03/2023*

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Dr. Kris Williams, Chancellor